

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Igor Konyashin et al.  
Serial No: 10/517,661  
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Title: Hard Metal, in Particular for Cutting Stone, Concrete, and Asphalt  
Examiner: Weiping Zhu  
Art Unit: 1742

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the office action dated 8/23/2007, applicant submits the following remarks.

Since the USPTO was closed on Monday, 12/24/2007, and Tuesday, 12/25/2007, as these days are considered a Federal Holiday in the District of Columbia, the filing of this response today, 26th of December 2007, is a timely submission requiring a one month time extension.